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The Conqueror—to him I shall award to eat a share of the hidden manna; and I shall award to him a white voting-pebble, and on the voting pebble (will be) a new name engraved, which no one knows but he who receives it.

The Conqueror—he shall be clothed in white garments, and I shall not at all erase his name from the book of life, but I shall acknowledge his name before my Father and before his Divinities.

The Conqueror shall not at all be punished by the second death. He who has an ear to hear, let him hear.

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THEOSOPHY AND THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

By Harry Edward Richeimer

THERE is a vast difference between The Theosophical Society and what it promulgates today. and simon pure Theosophy. Since Madam Blavatsky's time, matters have gone from bad to worse, until today we have a Society whose original tenets declaring a neutrality in Religious beliefs and sectarian divisions, swinging to the extreme segment of the circle, proclaiming Roman Catholicism in capsule form of a Liberal Catholic Church, holding Mass and carrying out the rites of the Catholic Church interpreted by Mrs. Annie Besant as the last word in Theosophy, and a crowning cap-stone to show the World just what Theosophy denominates in the mind of Mrs. Annie Besant.

I know your first impression of Theosophy and Theosophists who proclaim Universal Brotherhood to Mankind, and declare "Truth alone is real," is, that they are the greatest bunch of fighters and scrappers that any organization has ever produced, and you are correct in your assumption, for no Society has had as many schisms and breaks and divisions as has the Theosophical Society, possibly with one exception, the so-called Christian denomination representing Christianity.

But is there not a reason for all this confusion and departing from the ways of the Ancient Wisdom? Has it not been the fault, namely, of the Leaders, who have led the sheep astray, and instead of placing stress on self-development, self-reliance and individual responsibility for the members, have assumed that role too much themselves for the Society as a whole, as the Doctrine of Atonement in the Christian Religion, that Jesus died to save all, has been largely copied after by Madam Blavatsky and Mrs. Annie Besant, and so far as I know, Mrs. Katharine Tingley of Point Loma, California, who wishes to save the World with their own particular brand of Theosophy and again be regarded by the World as its own particular Saviour.

Selfishness of personalities of the Leaders, then, has been the main cause of the clouding of the Springs of the Water of Eternal Life, the Ancient Eternal Wisdom, that liberates man from the bonds of physical plane bondage, *here and now,* and not hereafter, as Madam Blavatsky and Annie Besant have erroneously put forth. *Authority without,* is the slogan of the Christian Churches, the False Leaders of the Theosophical Society and of the Roman Catholic

Church. Bow down to other Gods outside yourself. Jesus Christ, the Apostles, the MASTERS of Madam Blavatsky, and Hierarchical Worthies of Mrs. Annie Besant. Read our Bible, our Theosophical books, and works on Evolution, which encourages self-reliance and individual responsibility, *but pray do not think for yourselves, and find the God (the Higher Self) within yourself to be the only authority.* Accept Christianity and Theosophy and its modern interpretations, but pray do not even dare to proclaim yourself a Christian or a Theosophist, for today such things are out of fashion, and only applied to the Ancients, who were far superior in knowledge and wisdom, and who should be worshipped and revered as the only true Sons of God.

Thus *the Wisdom that liberates* arising from a clearing away of error by right-thinking resulting from self-insistence upon yourself, and not upon others, is the only true Theosophy and not the accumulation of errors propounded by Madam Blavatsky in the beginning and carried out to the letter by her Catholic sisters Annie Besant and Katharine Tingley.

It must always be borne in mind that the Theosophical Society at its inception *had no literature of its own,* and outside of the clairvoyant works of Madam Blavatsky, namely, the Secret Doctrine, Isis Unveiled and Practical Occultism, (which works the student would be better off to leave severely alone,) was an accretion of Vedic, Buddhistic and Brahmanical works, vamped from Orientals and galvanized into a formula, with the Official Stamp of Theosophy. And it must also be borne in mind that Theosophy existed ages before Madam Blavatsky came to America to found the Theosophical Society, and joined

Colonel Olcott in giving to the World, what the World already possessed in a still purer form.

Then what we call the modern Theosophical Society of today is nothing more or less than a perversion of the Ancient Eternal Doctrine of LIBERATION FROM BIRTH AND DEATH WHILST HERE IN THE BODY, AND NOT HEREAFTER.

And what Society today gives forth Theosophy in its purest form, without claiming a patent, or declaring that it holds in its hands, THEOSOPHY, to be dispensed to the masses? I aver THE INDEPENDENT THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA, of which the DIVINE LIFE, is the Official Organ, alone encourages the student to gain Union with his Higher Self, and attain the Wisdom that liberates one from this body of Death, the Goal of Theosophy, without assuming any role of Saviour or Dictator. I further aver that any other Society than mentioned, even including the United Lodge of Theosophists of Los Angeles, and the Theosophical Society of New York, of which Mr. Chas. Johnston is President and Head, will, if followed and believed in, lead you into the lap of the Roman Catholic Church, for in order to determine the brand of Theosophy promulgated by each and every Society, we have only to go back to the brand of people who today head each separate and individual Society to determine just what we may expect at their hands.

Annie Besant, a former Roman Catholic, (having been reared in a Catholic Convent,) heads the Adyar Division at Madras, India; Katharine Tingley, a former Catholic and Clairvoyant, heads the Point Loma Division; B. P. Badia, a former lieutenant of Mrs. Annie Besant's, has succeeded in worming his

way into the United Lodge of Theosophists, with Mr. Jno. Garrigues as chief financial supporter and meek follower; Chas. Johnston, who married the Catholic Blavatsky's niece, and who recently proclaimed in the pages of the Theosophical Quarterly, (his own Official Organ,) that the purest course of literature in the World is found only in the Roman Catholic Church; and Madam Blavatsky herself, who belonged to the early Russian Orthodox Catholic Church, brought Jesuitism to America, backed by her GREAT MASTERS OF WISDOM, and which was merely a blind to fleece the people and cloud the Springs of Eternal Wisdom with etheric men, who transcended human consciousness, and were the leaders of Evolution and Mankind today on the higher planes.

Nothing, my dear reader, than the Theosophy presented by Madam Blavatsky, could be so far from the Truth, for she crucified TRUTH itself, when she introduced MASTERS into the Theosophical Society, and simultaneously proclaimed the GOD within, (The Higher Self), to be the only true Master.

This is the reason today of all the schisms, dissensions and cataclysmic disturbances within the Society. This is the reason why 9 out of every 10 people who join the Theosophical Society drop out within a year. Why? Because Theosophy as presented by the various societies mentioned is a LIE, and not the TRUTH! Blavatsky contaminated it, Annie Besant followed, Tingley's Organization is a travesty on Spirituality, and the intellectual Chas. Johnston is lost in the Hall of Learning, without the Light of Internal Wisdom to guide him.

Hence to arrive at the TRUTH, each individual must be an Independent Theosophist, must study

Theosophy independent of all outward organizations, and be an institution unto himself for the benefit and upliftment of all Mankind and the Redemption of the World.

Thus Theosophy and The Theosophical Society are as much at variance with each other, as Truth is at variance with Error.

THE HIGHER SELF

"For God so loved the World, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—ST. JOHN 111, 16.

THE FOREGOING excerpt from the Scriptural Text is quoted time without number by our Christian contemporaries and would seem to indicate the back-bone of theological structure which places Jesus as the only begotten Son of God, to be believed in in order to save mankind from the perils of a burning Hell.

Interpretation has had a lot to do with the meaning or construction of various parts of Biblical texts. One man will affirm that it means just this, another will denounce him as a rougue and impostor who places the wrong meaning on words given in plain language in the Holy Bible and assert that the text is being misconstrued to meet the exigencies of the orthodox mould. Still another man will pronounce both wrong and affirm that the evolution of the mind of the preacher, his ability to see right and wrong has largely to do with the exact interpretation he gives his sermons from the Bible. Still a fourth will denounce all three as Blind Leaders of the Blind and go back to the fountain head or source and placate the early

Christian Fathers or Biblical interpolators, who changed the Scriptural texts in order to suit a corrupt Priesthood, whose sole aim was to keep the masses in darkness and ignorance and hold them down to a state of fear which precludes the possibility of thinking for themselves and separating the wheat from the chaff.

Now the position taken by the last named party is the exact position taken by the writer. The Bible today contains a lot that is wheat, good and wholesome, and chaff that you may take with a grain of salt.

Now the main foundation of the super-structure of Christianity rests on BELIEF, and not on KNOWLEDGE. They believe and are let to believe that Jesus died to save all. That he was the only begotten Son of the Living God, that whosoever might Believe on Him, (that is, believe that he was the only begotten Son of the Living God,) might not perish but have everlasting life.

I, Harry R. Lang, hereby affirm that the original in the Greek text, from which this part was translated originally, reads "KNOW," and not "BELIEVE," as the Biblical scholars have consciously misinterpreted to suit their cause. For nothing would be so far from the Truth to "believe," something, that one doesn't happen to "know" himself. I might believe that a city lies 10 miles from the point I am walking and walk in that direction to reach it, when at the same time, that city might be 10 miles in the opposite direction, and I would walk eternally without reaching it. Whereas, if I *knew* that city was 10 miles distant, (having been there before and knowing the exact geography of the country,) I would reach that city in the allotted time before the Sun went down.

Now, here is just the point, we have all visited that city, that temporal state of being Sons of God before, and we positively KNOW that we do not perish there. Now read the text here quoted as it was written in its pure and unadulterated form.

"For God so loved the World that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever KNOWETH HIM should not perish, but have everlasting life." God, or your own Higher Self is Eternal and Eternity is consciousness in the individual raised to the point of affirming and knowing that "I and My Father are ONE."

Then to believe Him is not enough and may suffice the modern theological doctrine of Atonement, (that Jesus died to save all,) but to KNOW Him is to *become one with Him here in the body,* and this is just what the foxy ministers of the gospels don't want. They want Him penned up in their houses of stone and granite, an external prisoner in the fair Heavens, where you and I must come to worship Him, bow down before Him and give alms and penance as meek and lowly victims of original Sin.

But this, Dear American Brothers, is all the bunk, and the sooner we proclaim a New Freedom of Thought, and tear down these mouldy structures filled with mouldy ideas and wrong conceptions, the sooner the Light of the Christ will shine through our own mental windows, and we meet Him face to face, here on Earth, as it is in Heaven."

"GLORY UNTO THE HIGHEST."

—Amen.

MANIFESTATION OF THE HIGHER SELF

WHOSOEVER comes into union with his Higher Self, in him, the Higher Self, the Master or Christos, has come into manifestation; in other words, the Christ is born in him—not as a reincarnation—because reincarnation implies a new body; but this divine incarnation or manifestation of the Higher Self is a different thing; and this is the manner or process of the coming of the Christ into the world—in the individual, or any number of individuals.

As Krishna said, "Many are My past births (in individuals) Arjuna; I know them all, but thou knowest them not.

"Though I am the Unborn, the Soul that passes not away; though I am the lord of beings, yet as lord over My nature I become manifest, through the magical power of the Soul,—I come to birth in age after age.

"He who thus perceives My birth (in himself) and work as divine, as in truth it is, leaving the body, he goes not to rebirth, he goes to me, Arjuna."

Herein we find the rationale of the births of all the Saviours, Adepts, Masters, Seers, Sages, Initiates and Mystics that the world has ever produced down to the present time, and the process through which they will be produced, for all ages to come—through union with the SELF.

Though the Higher Self, that comes to birth age after age, is the same in each individual, the manifestation differs as it follows the trend of the individual's ancestral selves.

Union with the Soul is propitious both to the Soul and to the self, as it gives the Soul, Higher Self, the

power of manifesting through the self; and the self (soul) through union with the Soul gains its immortality, its union with the Supreme Spirit.

When the soul begins to feel the urge of its Higher Self, it is beginning to awaken; then the cleansing and purifying of the soul takes place, and this must be accomplished before the soul can come into union with the Higher Self.

The lord of the body has first to develop its powers—the inner senses—for it is only through these, that the Higher Self, the lord or Master, can manifest Himself to the soul, and through the individual soul to the world.

The soul must develop the power of hearing before it can hear and comprehend the Soundless Sound, the Voice of the Master; it must develop the power of seeing ere it can attain to inner sight—soul-vision; just so with each of the five senses, and the fifth, that of touch, must be developed ere the soul can come into union, be merged into the Supreme Spirit.

While the five senses belong to nature, the power of seeing, hearing, etc., are faculties of the soul; hence the lord of the body must first develop his powers; must become master of his powers before he can use them; as the child, or the personal Ego, must develop the five senses before it can have the use of them.

I, speaking for the Self (Soul), am the lord of this body; this body is my instrument which I have created for my own use; perfecting its faculties and powers life after life; I am not the actor; the instrument, the self, and the "qualities," is the actor; therefore, the necessity of the self becoming subject to the Self, its silent master, its lord.

Through my willing instrument the self, I become

the doer and the witness; the self joined in union with the Self acts in harmony with the Self and therefore acts for the Self; and thus the Self manifests itself, to itself, and through the self, or personal Ego to the world of the senses.

When the soul comes into the knowledge of its own immortal Self, its real Self, the reincarnating Ego, it knows itself to be; but some time will elapse before it comes into conscious union with its own Higher Self, the Impersonal Soul or SELF, which includes the eternal, the "Father in Heaven."

Having come into union with the Eternal, I am working for the Eternal.

Speaking for the Higher Self, Krishna and Jesus speak in the first person; why should we in the Spirit be compelled to speak, not as though we were in possession, but in expectation of attaining the goal, union with the Eternal.

One who is speaking for the Higher Self has the inherent right to speak in the first person; and we can speak thus only when our real Ego is united to the Self.

Walk in the Light of the Supreme! When the disciple with ears and eyes shut to the world of the sense, hears and sees, with the inner powers of sight and hearing, then is he united with the Eternal, and living in the Eternal; using the inner powers in place of the organs of sense, he has come into soul-vision; union with the Eternal; the truth is that, at a certain point in spiritual unfoldment, the ardent disciple, who has sought in all things to bring his soul into union with the Supreme Soul, his will into subjection to the Divine Will, passes through a marked spiritual experience, in which the Self raises his consciousness

into oneness with Higher Self; for a time he perceives and feels no longer as the personal self, but one with the Soul of all Beings. The awe and mystery of that Holy unveiling has set its seal on all who have passed through it; thereafter the disciple is ready to work in and for the Eternal.

—Celestia Root Lang.

REV. DR. CRAPSEY IS DEAD

(But His Soul Goes Marching On)

FORMER EPISCOPAL CLERGYMAN, ONCE TRIED AS HERETIC, PASSES AT 80

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Rev. Dr. Algernon Sidney Crapsey, author, lecturer and one-time Episcopal clergyman, whose views on theology first won him a place in the literature of modernism and finally brought down a charge of heresy against him, died today at his home here. He was 80 years old.

Dr. Crapsey became rector of St. Andrew's church, Rochester, in 1879, and for twenty-five years remained its pastor. Within a year after celebration of his twenty-fifth anniversary, his sermons began to show a note of changed theology. He denied the doctrine of the virgin birth and the divinity of Jesus, awakening a controversy which swept the World of theologists.

In 1906, after several previous efforts to discipline him had come to nought, Dr. Crapsey was found guilty and suspended from the ministry. His own pastorate supported him, but he was formally deposed from the church.

His only offense consisted in the fact that to certain utterances of the creed he gave a spiritual, in place of

a literal interpretation.

The investigating committee accused and convicted him in these words:

"I must say to you that it is a stupendous responsibility you have assumed in disturbing the peace of God's church, and teaching as truth what is contrary to its doctrine."

So the standing committee, in its capacity of grand jury, found an indictment against Dr. Crapsey charging him with heresy, and the trial proceeded, the court found—as the Bishop had found months before—that Dr. Crapsey was teaching as truth what is contrary to the doctrine of the church, and he was deposed from his church as a heretic. In his letter to the Bishop, after the court had decided against him, he said:

"My sole difficulty lies in the fact that a long, careful, conscientious study of the Holy Scriptures had compelled me to come to certain conclusions concerning the prenatal history of Jesus which are not in physical accord with the letter of the creeds, to give certain articles a spiritual interpretation that will harmonize them with the truth as I find that truth in the teachings of the Holy Scriptures, and as are *demanded by present conditions of thought and the present state of knowledge.* I must give to certain articles a spiritual rather than a literal physical interpretation.

"When I say of Jesus that he ascended into heaven, I do not mean and cannot mean that with his physical body of flesh, blood and bones he floated into space, and has for 2,000 years been existing somewhere in the sky in that very physical body of flesh, blood and bones. Such an existence would seem to me not glorious but horrible; and such a conception is to me

not only unbelievable, it is unthinkable.

"What I do mean by the phrase is that Jesus, having accomplished his work in the flesh, ascended into the higher life of the spirit.

"When I say that he was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, I do not mean that the great and living God, in order to get into His world, had to violate His wonderful law of human generation, break into the sanctities of marriage and cause a Son of Man to be born without a human father. Such a notion is most repugnant to my idea of a wise and holy God. I was therefore not alarmed, I was relieved when a careful study of the Holy Scriptures convinced me that this notion of the origin of Jesus was *without foundation in history*. Jesus was not lessened in my worship. He was enobled by this discovery. I believed in him all the more.

"But I am told that this conception is not permissible in the mind of a minister of the protestant episcopal church. I bow to that decision. I cannot change my mind; I therefore leave the church."

Dr. Crapsey, the heretic, was destined to deliver a great denomination from the fetters of dogmatism, but himself deposed and disgraced by a diocean court, and denied the privilege longer of preaching from the pulpit." In the place of ministering to a few hundred souls at St. Andrew's church at Rochester he was to have the world for an audience, as the sign of the times were that the world was ready for him.

"The function of a prophet or seer is not to picture in detail what is to come to pass, but to see in the signs of the times that same event is sure to follow existing conditions. Prophets have always arisen from obscurity when the priestly class, grown arrogant and

selfish, has neglected the common people and given its energy to its organization for its own sake." History is about to repeat itself in this respect. "All the Old Testament prophets had this one message—to rescue religion from a corupt priest-hood, and return it to the people simplified and purified."

If the time was, and now is, when conscientious ministers of the gospel are deposed for giving the spiritual or inner meaning of Jesus' teachings rather than the "letter," then the church is corrupt. "It was Jesus who said to the woman of Samaria, God is Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

"Heresy trials are but the futile attempts of the priestly class to suppress the prophet and the seer." The more of these trials we have the better; the sooner the organization will reform or die, and the inner meaning of the teachings of Jesus be unveiled and brought to light and given to the people.

A lady said to me not long ago in speaking of Jesus: If you take away the immaculate conception you have *taken it all.* Yes, we have taken away the superstition which makes Jesus a God-man and separates him from all humanity. One who had passed through, in previous incarnations, every experience to which humanity is heir; one who had overcome his lower nature and built up a spiritual body by developing all his soul faculties which brought him into a full spiritual consciousness, one with the Father.

By holding to the idea of the immaculate conception one separates himself from Jesus forever. Jesus has entered a state of consciousness which he cannot enter, until he too becomes or attains that state of consciousness.

Which will you take? Your blind faith which will end at death, or develop a consciousness which will take you across the stream "to the other shore," here and now, where you will be one with Jesus, and one with the Father.

"My Father in heaven," the Higher Self within you, "knows what ye have need of even before ye ask him." He knows what ye have need of to work out your Karma, and that is what you are receiving. But first come into the spiritual state and then you will know all these things for yourself.

But one who still holds the notion of Jesus' virgin origin will not progress toward spiritual consciousness until he lets go of that idea.

—Celestia Root Lang.

THE BASIS OF RECONSTRUCTION

"GREATER love hath no man than this; that he lay down his life" (his personal self) "for his friend." I have laid down my life, given up my personal self, for what I consider to be, at this present time, a vital issue. "The axe is laid at the foot of the tree"—the ecclesiastical interpretation of the Scriptures—and it must fall; and the *spiritual interpretation* be given in its place.

Jesus, as a Master, had the true doctrine, which in India was called the doctrine of the Heart. It is so named because it is the teaching which emanated from Gautama Buddha's heart, intuition or revelation, whereas the Eye doctrine was the work of his head or brain, the outer husks for the protection of the inner seed until such time as the people would be sufficiently *spiritually* developed to receive it.

The Heart doctrine was hidden within the "letter" of the Eye doctrine which was for the masses. The Heart doctrine, or Secret Heart, was for the elect, those who had entered the Path which leads to Nirvana, or full spiritual consciousness, and who would in time become a Buddha or Arhat, one who has attained the height of mystic knowledge, an Adept.

Jesus' last authentic appearance on the scene of his nativity was in the temple in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions.

Between the time of his going to Jerusalem, at about the age of twelve, and his appearance at the Baptism, history has no record, a silence like the grave veils a period of nearly a score of years. This intervening time, Jesus may, and probably did, pass in solitude, which, when he had solved the problem of life, that is, had received enlightenment, immediately he forsook the sweet but selfish rest of quiet wiles, and returned to his nativity to become the Teacher of mankind, and made his first appearance at the Jordan, was baptized by John and began his public ministry. "The Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him; and the voice from heaven, audible to all the people present, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased,' may be classed with the birth stories, and his supposed miraculous origin. Which, after summing up all the historical evidence, Dr. Crapsey brings in the verdict, "Not proven, and therefore must allow anyone to hold that Jesus was born as we are born and was the child not only of a human mother, but also of a human father."

When all this rubbish of his virgin birth is cleared away, which from a spiritual point of view belittles rather than deifies, Jesus stands forth, like Gautama,

a Great Master, who lived, and taught, and demonstrated a doctrine, which *he did not originate,* so far in advance of the intelligence of the people, that the inner meaning or Heart doctrine had to be veiled within the "letter," and the parables, and only partially comprehended by the Apostles, has escaped the ravages of the ecclesiastical councils vested with the power to make over the Christian doctrine to suit the head of the church then in power. As the great Council of Nicae, A. D. 325, was called by Constantine for that purpose.

For five hundred years after Jesus the doctrine of reincarnation was taught in the church until by the council of Constantinople it was suppressed. The doctrine, in which is found the answer to all the problems of life, in it and in Karma is the force that will make men pursue in fact, in their life, the ethics they have in theory.

It is one of the objects of the New Theism, or inner meaning of the teachings of the Master, to restore the doctrine of reincarnation, the "lost cord of Christianity," by making it familiar to the people through the medium of current literature.

It is curious to note upon what ground the Apostles based the Messiahship of Jesus. Paul says again and again, He is the seed of David according to the flesh, and he claims for Jesus the Messiahship on that ground; He is the Christ because he is the seed of David. John takes the view of Mark that the descent of the Holy Ghost at the Baptism was the occasion and the mode whereby Jesus became Christ, the anointed of the Lord, and where he was *gifted* with the Logos, the Word was not the birthright of Jesus, it was His peculiar *gift,* coming to Him through *supernatural*

grace at the time of His Baptism.

It would be as impossible to base a scientific religion upon the conflicting opinions of the Apostles as upon the Virgin Birth.

"Now that this state of affairs has become a part of our intellectual life," the Virgin birth, and the Apostolic theories swept away, now we begin to inquire upon what basis are we to construct a religious science, and a scientific religion, upon what intermediate ground can these two, science and religion, meet and harmoniously blend? Upon the basis that Jesus was a Master, who had perfected in previous incarnations, and in this, all his soul faculties, he had *become* the Christ, through *a natural process.* One with the Father, and that by his great renunciation, giving up the prize of Nirvana or heaven which he had won, he became a Teacher to lead men to Nirvana, to point out the way, through attaining a higher and higher state of consciousness. "That ye may be where I am." — elestia Root Lang.

"It is not, then, the existence or non-existence of the persons that I trouble myself about; it is the fable of Jesus Christ, as told in the New Testament, and the wild and visionary doctrine raised thereon, against which I contend. The story, taking it as it is told, is blasphemously obscene. It gives an account of a young woman engaged to be married, and while under this engagement, she is, to speak in plain language, debauched by a ghost, under the impious pretense (Luke, i, 35) that "the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee." Notwithstanding which, Joseph afterwards marries her as his wife, and in turn rivals the ghost. This is putting the story into intelligible language, and there is not a priest but must be ashamed to own it"

—*The Age of Reason.*

LINCOLN LESSONS NEEDED

By HERBERT WELLS FAY

The Man with a Million Pictures, and Custodian of Lincoln's Tomb

ABRAHAM LINCOLN holds a peculiar place in the world's history. His fame has spread wherever there is a printed page. There have been men of every country who have stood out prominently among their fellows, men who have produced a utility; headed a reform, studied out a philosophy, proclaimed a religion, or in some way or another performed a public service, but few have made a fame that spread around the world.

As time passes the interest in Lincoln increases. The people want to know all he said, what he did, what he looked like, and where he was every day of his life. They want to know all about him.

The writer has faced over a million people at Lincoln's tomb, heard their stories, answered their questions and noted their observations. They have represented every race, country, religion, philosophy and activity of life. A citizen of Borneo with bowed head will place a wreath upon his casket and say, "You Americans think Lincoln has solved your problems, but he has solved our problems as well." Thus it is the guests, no matter from what corner of the world they come, feel in their hearts that Lincoln has done something personally for them. This is one of the sources of his fame.

Almost daily guests compare Lincoln to Washington and that is perfectly natural. For nearly a century no citizen of a foreign nation thought of this country without thinking of Washington. His achievements for America cannot be outclassed. But this is

also true, there is not a pang that has been suffered by any American, except deformity in mind or body, that was not suffered by Lincoln; and there is not a joy that has come to any American that was not enjoyed by Washington every day of his life. This makes Lincoln a typical American.

"I don't suppose you ever heard of Lincoln in your country?" was asked of a Japanese visitor, and he replied:

"There is where you are mistaken. The average boy or girl in school in Japan becomes as familiar with the privations of Lincoln as does the average boy or girl of America. We have in our school books the following story: Lincoln, the man of liberty of the world, born in a log cabin and never had an opportunity for study, but he made this decree: 'I will study and prepare myself and then perhaps my chance will come.' This is used to inspire Japanese children to study and prepare themselves that perhaps their chance may come."

Writers have attributed Lincoln's greatness to various traits of character, such as:

His ability as an attorney.
His power as an orator.
His common sense.
His tender heart.
His wisdom as a statesman.
His command of English.
His fairness to his opponents.
The opportunity of his time.

While all these elements played a prominent part, yet all must admit that his fairness to his opponents constantly won for him respect. He had the ability to state a moral question in such a way that it con-

stantly troubled the conscience of his opponents, and he had a way of defending his positions that it overwhelmed the opposition. They could not answer his logic. When out of facts and figures, as is generally the case, his opposers lost their temper. "Whom the Gods would destroy they first make mad." Then followed a tirade of vituperation. No word was ever coined that would abuse that was not applied to Lincoln. His position was falsified and his motives impugned. His cause could not be met by the opposition press, in the public forums, the pulpits, or the halls of congress. Led by rabid leaders who falsified the purpose of Mr. Lincoln, they would not wait. They proposed disunion, fired on the flag. Then followed four years of heart burnings, pitting brother against brother, American against American, ending in cowardly assassination.

Years after thousands of southern brothers visit his tomb and the one sentiment is, "Our forefathers did not understand."

Lincoln's ability to overwhelm his opponents, and at the same time gain their respect, and even co-operation, is illustrated by the following story told the writer by Schuyler Colfax, Speaker of the House, who was in Washington at the time:

"A delegation of high-brows from New England visited the President. They wore tall hats, long coats and gold-headed canes predominated. The spokesman, a gentleman of culture and standing, told the President that he should at once issue the emancipation proclamation and do this and do that.

"Mr. Lincoln heard them through and replied: 'All you say may be true and if I was in a position to enforce the proclamation I would probably issue it at

once, but suppose a man was walking over Niagara Falls on a tight rope and was carrying all your earthly treasures on his shoulders, and was exerting every power at his command to keep his balance, you would not jar the rope?' They were convinced and went home and did not 'jar the rope' thereafter."

Radicals of the hour quote Lincoln as being the radical of his time. While he was ahead of the people of his time in spirit, but in action he sought to get reforms by due process of law. The annoyance of his campaign for the senate and the presidency was that he was called a black abolitionist and believed in the methods of John Brown and his followers. Radicals were always in the limelight, and advocating extreme measures. He disavowed confiscation. His idea was gradual and lawful emancipation, and compensation was its greatest feature. Had this idea prevailed, many pages of history could be rewritten.

He issued the emancipation proclamation as a war measure, and it only applied to states in revolt.

In religion, too, he has been misjudged. He has been given a place from one extreme to the other. His parents were Baptists. At the time of his marriage his wife belonged to the Episcopal Church. When their son, Eddie, died, the Episcopal pastor was out of town and the Presbyterian minister was called in to officiate. He made such an impression on them that Mrs. Lincoln took her letter from the Episcopal Church and deposited it with the Presbyterians. In Washington they at first attended the Presbyterian Church, but later Mr. Lincoln became much attracted to Bishop Matthew Simpson, and he came to Springfield and preached the great funeral oration. Mr. Lincoln was never a member of any church, but one

cannot fully state his case without saying that when possible, no matter where he was, he never missed an opportunity to hear a good sermon. He disliked creeds. He is credited with saying that if any church will put over its doors as the sole requirement for membership the Golden Rule, that he would join with all his heart.

This puts Lincoln in a conservative place in religion as well as in politics. He was a moral man and always thought of the other fellow and generally won his respect.

The great question of the hour is, how can the life of a man that has produced such widespread influence help conditions of the present?

The answer is to apply Lincoln standards in every branch of political, economic, religious and social activities.

The church is the machine for carrying on religion, and political parties are the machinery by which we get the political will of the people. The greatest use of parties is not only to nominate candidates and outline policies, but to make someone responsible. Responsibility is the element eliminated from present day methods. The direct primary is ideal in theory, but in practice it invites candidates to spend large sums to get out the vote. We make it necessary for a candidate to spend money and condemn him if he does. The greatest fault is that it makes no one responsible and encourages candidates to promise the impossible. People shudder at the thought of returning to the representative policy as was advocated by Lincoln. Its abuse got it into ill repute. No ideal method of primary nominations has been devised, but the agitation will be kept up until the problem will

be solved.

There is hope for a country that will produce such a man as Lincoln, and there is hope for mankind as long as there is a worn path to his tomb.

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Note by the EDITOR:

Mr. Fay's article on Mr. Lincoln is, we think, very good. However, we do not agree with the latter part where he gives his church and political views as coincident with those of Mr. Lincoln's.

THE IMMORTAL ABRAHAM

Bronze as the Immortal
He stands with bowed head,
A Master in the flesh,
From whence he departed
In pangs of agony.
Like one on Calvary's Hill,
He, too, gave of his own
That man might live
Throughout the ages
In Immortal bliss.

His consummate frame
Was pinned to the
Ship of State,
A slave manacled
To the oars of the Union;
High, like a towering mass,
He met the issues of the day unflinching;
Proud to be its head,
Bowed down with responsibilities and sorrow.
He gave his best to save the Nation
From the Powers of Darkness.

And when the end came
He reached a height
Never before reached by Man;
The vision and enthrallment of
A future Heaven precipitated
Here on Earth;
Where Abraham,
Father of us all,
Tasted of his Immortal heritage;
"The Earth and all there is in it,"
Was given him.

And from a dying form
He re-lit and animated
This mundane crest,
That today cannot long survive
Unless it pays due homage
To the mighty pillar
Which forms the foundation-stone
Of our Grand Republic.
Immortal in the Heavens,
And here on Earth,
When Abraham again
Shall come to birth.

And all the Regions of the Universe
Unite in one appeal,
To raise the Standard of the Commonweal;
A Son so brave and stalwart,
Tender, true,
Who paid the penalty
With dearest price,
To make Old Glory
Bright and New,
And usher in
The Reign of Sacrifice.

—Harry Edward Richeimer.

THE NEW ERA

Lindbergh On the Money Trust? A Financial System in Control of Our Government

(Reprint from American Monthly)

—TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE—

◆◆THERE are two kinds of people in the world: Those who live for principles, and those who live for profits. Those who live for principles enrich the world. Those who live for profits impoverish the world.

"A few years ago a book was laid on my table. It was published by Hon. Charles A. Lindbergh in 1917. Charles A. Lindbergh, Sr., was in Congress for ten years—was in Congress when the World War was in progress. With this book which he published in 1917 he sent out an explanatory note which reads in part as follows:

" 'This book . . . was written just before we entered the World War. It was printed two months later. . . . The facts stated in the book were never disputed, but were misrepresented. The profiteers were determined that the book should not be read. By falsehoods they induced the government to suppress those already printed. The plates were destroyed to prevent more being printed. The plates for the first 128 pages of another book, "BANKING AND CURRENCY," published in 1913, were also destroyed. That book was an exposure of the money trust which later, in 1921 and 1922, robbed the farmers, wage workers and other legitimate business of billions of dollars.'

"During those days of February and March, 1917, so pregnant with developments, Lindbergh addressed

the House twice, on February 24th and March 1st. In both his speeches, preserved in the files of the Congressional Record, for a thinking—and perhaps even thoughtful—posterity, the 'gentleman from Minnesota' expressed himself fearlessly on what might be succinctly termed Money-Wars and War-Money.

"In his speech of February, Lindbergh, although primarily dwelling on the Money-War, referred also to War-Money. . . . "

"NOT EXPORT BUT THE WAR"

"I do not intend to travel over the same road that the other speakers have already traveled. The speeches made have been instructive and interesting and upon the subject involved. The gentleman from Texas (Mr. Dies) referred to the production of gold, and he is right in his conclusion as to the general effect of the increased product of gold. But you cannot charge to that increased product the extraordinarily high prices that have been charged within the last few months, because the difference between the quantity of gold now and that immediately prior quantity is not sufficient to cause the extraordinary sudden increase in prices.

"I have run down an investigation of 40 different items that are the principal articles of export from this country, to see to what extent prices have been affected by export and manipulation. I wish to call your attention to this fact, that since the war began we have exported practically $8,000,000,000 in value of American products, and we have increased the price to the American consumer on like products in this country approximately $16,000,000,000. The people in general have gotten comparatively little of the advantage of the $8,000,000,000 in value of American

products exported. The principal advantage that has been derived, if I am permitted to call it 'advantage,' has been a few parties who have had a monopoly of the situation.

"It was not really the export that caused such an enormous increase in the prices, as it was manipulation. Upon the 40 items which I ran down and investigated with reference to the prices before the export started and after, on all but three the increased price to the American consumer exceeded the total amount realized from the foreign export. Yet we find that at this time we are talking about arming merchant vessels in this country and convoying them to carry away the products of this country, to still further increase the prices of the commodities to American consumers and reduce the natural supply. *Now, it is not the export that is the cause of this enormously increased price, but the war, and the export is made the excuse for the manipulation of prices during the period of the war.* That, I say, is given as the excuse, in order to divert the people's attention from the manipulation.

"EASY TO DOUBLE MONEY"

"Who would not jump at a chance to double his income and increase his advantages? Do many of us realize that it is easy to do? Not many, I dare say, or most of us would do it. I never knew anyone who would not grab for an honest dollar and eagerly reach for an advantage. Every industrious toiler who depends upon his toil to provide the means that make life worth while may even quadruple his advantages.

"The isolated individual 'self-centered interest' which has hitherto dominated the world in favor of a few prevails because the masses have been kept in

ignorance of certain false practices and therefore could not act in support of their 'own interests.' 'Self-interests' nevertheless suggests the 'key' to liberate the world from the shackles of *industrial slavery*. Ninety-odd per cent of the people are thus shackled, but they possess the power to liberate themselves, and it is not conceivable that when the main facts that concern them become known by the people that they will tolerate them to continue in opposition to the 'collective self-interest' of the people themselves, which collective interest after all, when understood, results in securing the 'self-interest' which means the 'best interest' of the greater number of people.

"No law names specific persons who may have 'special privilege.' No true American would stand for such laws. But what they could not do directly they have done indirectly. The laws and the practices that we follow enable some persons to secure special privileges by forcing burdens upon the rest of us. The law does not prohibit any person getting special privilege if he can, and the very fact that some can make it certain that the masses cannot even secure all that actually belongs to them. Our system is so framed that it robs the masses of the advantages of their most material right—natural as well as social.

"To speak the truth about 'the high cost of living' invites vicious attack. Each of 10 years during my service in Congress, I have placed in the Record some of the causes for the increasing cost of living and have mapped out a remedy. I have introduced resolutions and bills to secure action. The 'interests' that are benefited by the existing system have 'lambasted' me for that course, and have had the influence to prevent Congress acting. . . .

"Present prices are higher than usual—higher than they would be if the war was not raging—higher on most things than they will be immediately after the war; but so far as America is concerned, the war is not the natural cause for the increase on most things. It is made the excuse to raise the prices above what they otherwise could have been raised so suddenly.

"American consumers, by reason of the enormous export that has taken place since the war began and causing a rise in price, have undoubtedly paid over the former cost for an equal amount of like commodities from 11 to 16 billion dollars, in excess of our so-called favorable balance of trade, which is more than twice the amount realized from all our exports.

"The Worst May Yet Come"

"The worst may yet come. I predicted more than a year ago, and placed the prediction in the Congressional Record in hopes that the people might read, that we were in grave danger of being drawn into the war from the selfish acts of speculators. The following language is a part of what I then said:

"The Federal Reserve System has already connected us with the conditions of warring nations. These will grow worse as long as the war lasts and from the confusion that will follow. The intermingling of our finances with those nations in the way that it is being done is not unlikely to be the one 'element,' the selfish underlying one, which to save itself from holding securities of bankrupt countries the Money Trust would seek to enter the United States in war. The method of securing the result would, of course, be screened behind remote incidents in an attempt to prevent the people from suspecting the underlying influence of the Money Trust. That section of the press

which is subsidized by the special interests would be depended upon to adroitly fan the flames of passion that arise out of incidents that are sure to occur from time to time in every great war.

"The people should fortify themselves against further risks resulting from the war. The nations engaged in war will be bankrupt—a result of their own follies—and we should not make their burdens ours.

"As a matter of fact—but the press conceals the real facts in regard to many war occurrences—it is the action of the greedy speculators that has brought us to the very verge of war, which may come any day. They have done the things that have brought about the incidents of the war that are now alleged to be the cause for our entering it, if we do. We have rights which have been grossly violated and we should waive them, but there is a better way to enforce them than by war. There are a hundred million of Americans, good, true, and patriotic, every one of them, who are willing to sacrifice their lives, if that is necessary, for the cause of America. These, however, have contributed no part to bringing about the conditions of war which we now face. It is the speculators and the 'thrill seekers' who have brought about the incidents that form the excuse, but back of it all is the greedy speculators—rascals, who for sordid personal gain have angered some of the belligerents, and as a result they have added more to the wreck of human reason. We should pity crazy Europe, not hate it, and bring about peace as soon as it can be done, instead of seeking to drive the world to the limit of human destruction.

"Let us not for the sake of vainglory plunge this nation into the maelstrom of hell. If we do we shall

because of needless sacrifice come out with *less power* than we enter and destroy for a time our ability to conquer the world by the establishment of an economic system that will appeal to all humanity and be accepted for its justness. *Everybody must admit that the existing civilization has proven an absolute failure.* The battered continent of Europe supplies the gruesome evidence of it. Who with any sense would seek to follow precedents established heretofore by nations that have come to such a state as those now at war? Are we, too, crazy? Surely we have a better opportunity than to plunge to destruction and death and left to be resurrected in the toil and drudgery of more than a hundred million innocent people. Let us instead now establish the economic system that will make war unnatural. *The existing economic practices make war natural.* Do we choose the old broken-down civic hulk or will we create a new civic body? To choose the first is cowardly.

"Paid for Patriotism"

"We read about patriotism these days. 'Paid-for patriotism' is treason. Much of the present pretended 'patriotism' is false and treasonable, because it does not represent true patriotism, such as everywhere rests in the hearts of the plain citizens of this grand country of ours.

"True patriotism is backed by good reason and common sense, and would lead to a constantly better and better civilization. No true patriot would fail to give all within his power for his country, but the 'paid-for patriots' try to stir up excitement for selfish reason, and for the pay they get they are willing to give up the earnings and even the lives and freedom of all except themselves. That kind of 'patriotism' we read

in the paid-for articles in certain newspapers; we see it in moving pictures costing hundreds of thousands of dollars to get up; we hear it in lectures, sometimes even in the pulpit; we see it on posters; we find it in advertisements and numerous other paid-for ways, too often convincing the innocent and securing their active support. All that which is paid for takes not into account 'Long live the Nation,' but counts the dollars, and would have the many sacrifice for the privileges of the few. Paid-for 'patriotism' leads to a constantly more complicated and dangerous civilization. This is a time for reason and common sense. The nation that maintains it will be most likely to lead the world.

"The Federal Reserve Act"

"In dealing with these fundamental and practical problems I receive letters from everywhere, even from foreign countries, showing that people are waking up.

"No one who takes the time to investigate will disagree with me, whether they admit it or not, in the statement that I made when the Federal Reserve Act was passed, and is a matter of record, to wit, THAT THE FEDERAL RESERVE ACT WAS THE GREATEST SPECIAL PRIVILEGE EVER GRANTED IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD TO A FEW INDIVIDUALS TO EXPLOIT THE PEOPLE. It has already cost the people billions of dollars in the increased cost of living, and unless materially amended that act furnishes the seeds of destruction of the nation. The danger is that the people do not know what the cause of their trouble is. They have been stabbed in the back in the dark, and now the sponsors of that act seek to make the people believe that the war makes all the trouble. We have had no war. To cover up the false acts of the past

the betrayers that have forced upon America a false administration of finances now, and over the years that have passed are seeking to get us into war. If war comes, every true American will stand by his flag, the 'Star-Spangled Banner,' whether the thing that truly causes the war is right or wrong. We, as Americans, must stand together as one mighty nation, and if war comes we must not quarrel among ourselves, but that does not mean that we shall be fools enough to shut our eyes and remain ignorant of the cause. When the sky clears we want to be possessed of the knowledge that will make us able to remedy the fundamental economic wrongs, whether they are our own wrongs or have been imposed upon us."

(To be continued)

Note.—Our March issue will reproduce portions of Mr. Lindbergh's suppressed book, "Banking and Currency and the Money Trust," dealing principally with the infamous Federal Reserve System which is wrecking the Nation.

GOLD

Gold today and the individuals whom it controls are becoming so exacting in their endeavor to carry out their program of extermination of the Souls of Men, that a War on Virtue is the latest ruse inaugurated by these Vampires of the Underworld, to wit, moving pictures, newspaper and magazine articles, and sermons from the pulpits. All God-fearing persons will presently be subjected to torture of their Souls, for the *unseen entities* of the physical realm are bound that not *one soul* on the Planet will escape them, for they know if one Soul does, and becomes emancipated, their game of the future control of the Souls of Men

is over with.

I know that what I am saying will bring censure and persecution upon my head. But I do not fear the outcome. For I, Harry Lang, have vowed to destroy once and for all time the Roman Catholic system of slavery and necromancy which predominates over the conscience and hearts of the human race, through our women before giving birth and through our Government Representatives and newspaper-editors upon whom they hold a death-grip.

They are the retardents of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, and I will say that with their downfall of Roman Catholicism throughout the World, the Whole Protestant System of Slavery will disintegrate immediately with it. Then we will see what has been supporting these so-called Houses of God, the Devil in the Garb of Gold, or the Spirit in the Garb of Purity, Righteousness and a Square Deal to the evolving Souls, who have sought the Light for centuries, but who now are just beginning to see the Dawn, when their so-called Churches and Saviours of their Souls are destroyed past resurrection.

ALL HAIL THE NEW EMANCIPATOR

THE DEVIL IN OUR MIDST!

(*A Debaucher of Human Souls*)

THE DEVIL, H. L. Mencken, Editor of the American Mercury, a Jesuit of Romish brand, and a close friend and ally of "The Chicago Daily Tribune," who writes regularly for this debauched newspaper, comes out in the Sunday edition, January 1, 1928, with an article and editorial entitled "The Future Looks Damper." In it he berates the Anti-Saloon

League and calls them liars, and rogues, and hypocrites, and affirms that were the truth known mostly all of these people who advocate Prohibition (especially around and about Washington, D. C.) are drinkers themselves, or lushers, as he speaks of them. He makes or tries to make it appear that Prohibition is a farce in itself, whether enforced or not, yet he takes great care in trying to break down the enforcement of Prohibition, without giving due credit to the results, were it given the utmost support by our Government Heads.

This fellow Mencken is a rebel and an outcast of Good Government and an enemy of all that is good and noble in the human race. His presence here in America is the result of Jesuitical intrigue, for his aim is to throw the Country into a Rebellion of thought against a Democratic form of Government, and when he has succeeded in breaking the good will and faith of the American People in their Law Enforcement, he will immediately aid in launching a campaign to seat a Dictator at Washington, D. C., much after the Mussolini order, where Booze and Catholicism can have full sway in drinking the life's blood of the Nation in Master doses.

This smart Alec should be deported to Italian shores just as quick as the 100 per cent Americans in Congress and the Senate can place the ban on him; for his weekly editorials in the Sunday Tribune advocating Booze and Blood should be expunged from American journalism.

The Editor of the Chicago Tribune is not a whit better or he would not publish this damnable rot for the pure minds of Americans to pervert and contaminate, and I will say that if the Chicago Tribune does

not stop contaminating and purloining the American Mind, and act like a respectable person enjoying the Fruits of Liberty, then I say deport the Tribune, their whole Editorial Staff, and put Mencken in a cell, boxed and ready for foreign shipment.

You cannot enforce a good law, no matter how just it is, if fellows of the Tribune and Mencken type are allowed to run at large and, like literary morons, seduce every good thought that surges through the brain of honest Americans. You cannot expect law and decency to triumph when an Englishman like Slayton, and a Jesuit like Mencken, are trying to appear as gentlemen when their actions are those of the gunman. You cannot expect Americanism to triumph when Anglo-Saxon opposition in league with Jesuitical psychology are endeavoring to prostitute all that is good and noble in the human family.

I, for one, am in favor of a Constitutional Amendment which, while granting the right of Free Speech and Freedom of the Press, will recognize the right of Congress, with the affirmation of the Senate, to forever brand as Foreign and Alien any individual or individuals who try to encourage crime, vice, and an aid to drinking, smoking and the use of narcotic stimulants, and the debauching of human minds through their intermediates, the Daily Press, and expel them forever from the Portals of Our Republic, never to return, and in case they do, to give them a future still damper than the astute Mencken conjures, away down in Davy Jones' Locker, where their association with Sea-nymphs will not disturb the equilibrium of good society.

—Harry E. Richeimer.

THE VOICE OF THE SILENCE

A Review for Students

TURN to the first few pages of the "Voice of the Silence," and read the Preface. The work is originally taken from the "Book of the Golden Precepts," a Buddhistic treatise, and nothing original with Blavatsky at all. She merely copies fragments from this great work on Spiritual Development and Unfoldment of the individual, but secretly threw the glamour of outer Masters about it, in order to throw the pupil off the track, and lose the aid and instructions of the inner Master, the Higher Self, for once a man contacts the inner Master or Higher Self, all instructions in the Voice are useless and void, as much use to the advanced student as are the primer books to the college graduate. He has now found the Voice, the inner Master, to be himself, the Sound unbroken throughout the Ages.

Now the first thought in this great treatise is the central theme of the entire work, that "Mind, is the Great Destroyer of the Real." Christian Science teaches Mind is over Matter, but true Theosophy teaches that Mind is Matter, equal to and on a par with it, and in order to subdue Mind or Matter, the unreal, let the disciple slay the slayer, (Mind, the slayer of the real.) Just how this feat is accomplished, the author of the work goes on to describe. That the inner voice lies at the base of inner hearing. For so soon as he hears with eyes closed, mouth shut and mind concentrated on the higher attributes of Spirit, does the Voice spring into being, the Seventh Sound which swallows all other Sounds and at the Master's feet are laid, transcending Mind.

Again he admonishes the student "Before the Soul can comprehend and may remember, she must unto the Silent Speaker be united." Then the joining or uniting of the Soul to the Voice is the feat to be accomplished.

But is this feat a mechanical feat, to be accomplished through mental gymnastics, or breathing exercises, or yoga postures as Rosicrucian ism teaches us? No, absolutely no, It is all natural, takes care of itself without outside interference and the Student becomes one with the Higher Self and becomes merged therein. (Becomes one with it.)

Again he says "This earth Disciple is the Hall of Sorrow, wherein are set along the path of dire probation, traps to ensnare thine Ego by the delusion of Great Heresy." "This Earth O ignorant Disciple, is but the dismal entrance leading to the twilight that precedes the valley of true light."

Now one point I wish to make right here before we proceed. Do not take every word as true and to the point in the "Voice of the Silence." Separate the wheat from the chaff. For Catholic and occult Blavatsky has spread many a trap and pitfall for to ensnare thine Ego. Only accept that which seems germane to your own self and course of thinking and let the rest slip. Only seek the inner Master and he will guide you free of all her added worries and embellishments and make of you an immortal God of the Ages.

The last and crowning admonition of the first seven pages of the Voice which I have quoted in the foregoing pages of Divine Life are ones that caught Blavatsky herself, namely:

"The Wise Ones tarry not in pleasure-grounds of the senses.

"The Wise Ones heed not the sweet-tongued voices of illusion."

"Seek for Him (the Higher Self) who is to give thee birth in the Hall of Wisdom, the Hall which lies beyond, wherein all shadows are unknown, and where the Light of Truth shines with unfading glory."

Did the Madam seek Him as the Voice instructs her to do? No, she, with the aid of the pleasure-grounds of the senses, (her clairvoyance, clairaudience, and magic), sought out the sweet-tongued voices of outer Masters, who through thought-transference and mental telepathy, gave the Madam the Secret Doctrine, and Isis Unveiled, both the works of Jesuits, to so becloud and befuddle the mind and magnetic aura of the student that he will never again in this life and incarnation think for himself and precludes the possibility of him ever finding his Master within himself, for he goes on a wild-goose chase to find the Great Masters of the Great White Lodge in Thibet and the Himilayas, a Lodge that is as real today as are the finger tips on Madam Blavatsky's nose, that taught her how to see things on the Akasha and ride on broom-sticks with Neophites to the moon.

Thus the first lesson to be gleaned from the first seven pages of the "Voice of the Silence," is Self-reliance and Self Responsibility, with no other than the Wisdom attained through union with your own inner Self, your own Higher Self.

—HARRY R. LANG.

(To be continued)

KRISHNAMURTI, THE WORLD TEACHER

—What a Bum He Is—

—Mrs. Besant as Nutty as Krishnaji—

MR. DAVID ELLISON, a young Welshman, who recently joined the Montreal Lodge, has removed to Toronto, and has undertaken to represent Miss Mary Watson and her work for the Order of the Star. Mr. Ellison points to the address given by Mr. Krishnamurti recently at Ommen as evidence that he does not wish to assume any position of authority, and Mr. Ellison stated that Mrs. Besant was forbidden to attend the meeting at which Mr. Krishnamurti made his deliverance. This address is printed in a small pamphlet, entitled "Who brings the Truth?" As "News and Notes" reports him—"he told us he had never been able to read through a Theosophical book in his life,—could not understand our theosophical 'jargon' and although he had heard many theosophical lecturers, none had convinced him of their knowledge of the truth." This report appeared in the Welsh Section of News and Notes, and no doubt was an accurate report. But in the November issue just to hand it is evident that Mrs. Besant was much annoyed at this divulging of actual facts. Mr. Peter Freeman, General Secretary for Wales, has been admonished, and "While naturally disclaiming any intention of being either 'flippant or sarcastic,' can but sincerely and publicly apologize to Dr. Besant and Mr. Krishnamurti for anything which gave rise to this impression, having already done so in private immediately." Mrs. Besant, in her letter of protest against the report that Krishnaji was nervous, says: "May I express my deep regret for the appearance in your columns of the flippant and somewhat sarcastic note

which appeared in the October issue of our revered Krishnaji's address to the Theosophical Order of Service at Ommen. The nervousness which the writer mentioned has passed away completely since the consciousness of Krishnamurti was merged in that of the World Teacher. It was natural to a young man, essentially modest and reserved, when speaking before one whom he regards as Mother. No trace of this is now visible, as all know who heard his Camp Fire talks this year." This perhaps will corroborate the cable despatch from Bombay, of Nov. 9th, in which Krishnaji informed the reporters that he had seen Buddha. "I have communed with Buddha. I am Buddha," he declared. The despatch further adds that he had grown side-whiskers, and wore a magnificent rajah's uniform. "I no longer am Krishnamurti," he said, raising his hand aloft. "I have renounced everything. I could have been a rich man. I was offered $10,000 a week to appear in the movies in America, but, of course, I turned down the offer."

Jiddu Krishnamurti, hailed by Theosophists as the new world teacher, had a love affair with an American girl in Holland last year, but recently renounced it for the sake of his religion it became known today. The story is that Krishnamurti fell in love with Miss Helen Knothe, daughter of Frank F. Knothe, 74 Cottage pl., Ridgewood. N. J. in Europe. Momentarily oblivious of the belief of his followers that he is a living deity , the young and dapper Hindu is said to have asked Miss Knothe to be his bride,

Mrs. Knothe, mother of the girl, did not deny the story today, neither did she affirm it. She denied they are engaged at present, however."

We think Mrs. Annie Besant is responsible for spoiling a good Hindu to make a bum God.

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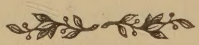
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